

# **Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club**

## **Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

### 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President John Spach.

Board members attending in person were Wayne Aiken, Richard Calfee, Tom Garren, Ken Howard, Mike Keelean, John Spach and Bob Witwer.

### 2. Recognition of Additional Members and Guests in Attendance and on Zoom

Attending in person were Clif Kelly, Ted Kunstling, George Lasley, Mike Marsh, and Don Weaver.

Attending by Zoom was John Mezera.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as submitted was made by Mike Keelean and seconded by Bob Witwer. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Treasurers Report

Mike Keelean gave an update on the results of the Spring into Trains show. A final report will be submitted to the Board members later this week. It is believed that we made money on the show.

Several people commented on the participation of Club members at the show. The number of members working was outstanding.

Ted Kunstling wondered if we could get our shows listed on what is going on this weekend feature on the local stations.

Ted also reported that he had posted our show information on Facebook the last week before the show.

There was a discussion about the stipend being paid to those with layouts at the show and the method of payment. John Spach suggested that in the future we have a procedure for determining the amount of payment after we know the outcome of the show. Tom Garren will review the minutes from previous meetings to determine if there was any Board action on this item in the past.

### 5. Communications with the Club

#### a. Phone, mail, email

Richard Calfee reported no new calls to report that have not been previously discussed.

Wayne Aiken stated that several people that have visited the Club on the weekend were also seen at the show.

Mike Marsh noted that the November show was being pushed at the ticket table as people came into the Spring show.

Ted Kunstling noted that a lot of people attended the “Learn to Solder” class held by Scott Hall.

## 6. Committee Reports

### a. Membership

John Spach noted that he believes we will get at least four new members as a result of the Spring show.

Mike Keelean reported that over the last year we have lost 12 members, and we have added 21 new members. Most of the members lost were Youth members, and most of the new members are Senior members. If we have one more member by the end of the fiscal year, we will meet our goal.

Ken Howard noted that at future shows we want to be sure to have applications and RFI forms at the Club table.

### b. Ways and Means

Nothing to report.

### c. House

Mike Keelean reminded everyone that there is a work session this Wednesday to clean up the storage rooms at the Clubhouse. This will provide the space needed to store the modules we are saving from the Greenville donation for use on the HO layout expansion. We will need at least two pickups so we can have one to take materials for donation and the other to take trash to the dump.

Mike Keelean will get the carpet cleaned in the Clubhouse.

Mike also suggested using the roll of black matting for landscape paper around the building.

Mike also noted that we need to occasionally mop the floor in the men’s rest room.

Investigation is continuing on the possibility of adding hot water to the building.

Mike Keelean asked to know how high to mount the air conditioner in the HO room. This will be determined.

### d. Engineering

Nothing to report.

## 7. Old Business

### a. Spring show 2022 update

The Spring show will be closed out once we have paid all the bills associated with the show.

George Lasley thanked everyone that helped with the Spring show, noting that this was the easiest show we have ever done from a staffing perspective.

George further stated that several dealers commented that they really like our shows compared to some other shows they have attended. They noted that our shows feel relaxed, we do not announce over a PA system every few minutes, and we do not object too much if they pack up a bit early on Sunday.

Mike Keelean stated that he would like to know how many members worked at the show.

John Spach noted that members are expected to work if they come to the show. If they want to only attend the show, they should expect to pay and not wear their badge.

b. Parking

There was a brief discussion about the parking situation at the Club. Ken Howard and George Lasley suggested that we wait and see what develops.

c. Open House

After much discussion, it was decided to hold an Open House on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

d. Other Old Business

George Lasley brought up the possibility of moving the Spring show to the Expo Building. We believe it is possible to grow the Spring show over time by going to the larger building. The Board asked George to pursue this move with the Fairground staff and determine the price and when the move could actually occur.

There was also a discussion about the ticket prices for the Club shows. It was decided by the Board to leave it at \$9.00 and \$8.00 for the Fall show.

*Note: After further discussion, it was decided on Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup> to increase the prices to \$10.00 and \$9.00 for the Fall show.*

John Mezera asked if we got the DST file for the logos on the new Club shirts. We do not have the file at this time.

8. New Business

- a. John Spach brought up the possibility of the Club getting its own Zoom account. It was discussed and decided that we get our own Zoom account for the Club and the equipment needed to use the account.

The pros and cons were discussed. It was decided that we should have our own Zoom account as well as a tripod, camera and microphone that can be kept at the Clubhouse.

Tom Garren will test an existing Club computer to see if it is compatible with Zoom.

John Mezera volunteered to donate a tripod. Thanks John!!

Mike Keelean made a motion to appropriate up to \$250.00 to pay for the account and any equipment needed. The motion was seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously.

- b. George Lasley suggested that we work with a Boy Scout troop to provide porters to help some of our vendors move their items to set up and break down the show. He proposed that we make a donation to the troop for this service. After some discussion it was determined that there is too much liability exposure for us to pursue this project.
- c. An item for future investigation is to consider setting up an email account for the Board to share and use.
- d. Mike Marsh noted how much attention the 1.5” scale engine that was displayed in front of the building on Sunday afternoon drew from both show attendees and the general public at the Fairgrounds. It was suggested that we try to get similar pieces for display at future shows.

9. Adjournment of Public Meeting

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

10. An executive session was held after the public portion of the meeting.

11. Adjournment of Meeting

Tom Garren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bob Witwer and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.